

The Indian House in Fort Lehi wall from the writings of David Evans

Not the least interesting house in the fort was the so-called Indian House. This was a four room adobe structure built along the north wall. It's purpose seemed to have been two-fold--a reward for a clan of Indian under a Chief Yan Tan who had aided Bishop Evans in capturing the Indian murderers of two white boys named Weeks from Cedar Fort, and also a means of attempting to civilize these dusky friends.

The first part failed in part and the second entirely. Only in the day time would the red man occupy the house built by the pale faces-- at night, no other shelter than their wickiups would suffice; and after an Indian child died in the house, they would never enter it again. Thereafter the house was used temporarily by new arrivals of settlers.

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